

## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

**For the Meeting Held On** April 24, 2014

**Meeting Time :** 6:30 pm

**Location :** High School – Cafeteria

**Address :** 180 Maple Street, East Longmeadow, MA

**Meeting Posted On:** **Day:** Monday **Date:** 04 / 22 / 2014  
(48 hrs required)

**Is Meeting Being Recorded by Digital Recorder:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
**The Minutes of this Meeting are being taken by:** Russell Denver

**Committee Members:** (check if attended)

Russ Denver	✓	Eric Madison	✓	James Broderick		James Walsh	✓
Dawn Starks	✓	Rocco Carabetta	✓	Sam Pizzanelli	✓	Tom Caliento	✓

Attendees: James Sheils, Daniel Burack, John Maybury, Robert Peirent and Bruce Fenney

**Did the Chair release any prior Executive Session Minutes?**

Yes		No	x
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**Dates of Executive Session Released :**

## TOPIC / MATTER #1

### Municipal Space purchase/renovation

#### Summary of Matter Discussed :

- Mr. Maybury of the Board of Public Works (BPW) detailed how the BPW picked up on the discussions involving a new building for Town Hall after many months of no communication from the Board of Selectmen on the issue. As the department responsible for maintaining the town buildings Bruce Fenney spearheaded a review of the North Main Street building and the possibility of renovating the existing Town Hall. Mr. Fenney then walked the AC through the handouts outlining the costs and a proposed schematic of how the offices would be laid out.
- Discussion ensued regarding:
  - How to pay for the renovations
  - Action/inaction by the Board of Selectmen regarding support for purchase or renovation.
  - Why did the BPW wait to bring the needed repairs to everyone's attention and not have them on the Capital Plan.
  - Timing of the required AC vote on recommending or not the needed \$462,000 or less depending on the ability to parcel out work based upon most need.
- Mr. Maybury stated that the April 28, 2014 BOS meeting will be discussing the purchase versus renovation and AC members indicated that they would attend with the hope to have the BOS move on the issue.
- The Chairman indicated that the only way to pay for this project is through a debt exclusion override as there is precious little free cash and no further ability to raise and appropriate for FY2015.

**Documents or Exhibits for this Matter:**

- Town Hall Renovation Project; Construction Estimates Town Hall Renovations; East Longmeadow Space Needs Study Floor Plan

**Votes Taken Under this Matter :**

- None

**TOPIC / MATTER #2**

**Town Meeting Warrant Article Recommendations**

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**Summary of Matter Discussed :**

- The Committee voted 5 in favor and 1 opposed (Jim Walsh) to recommend Article #6 regarding the use of free cash and inter department transfers to pay for projected deficits in snow and ice and health insurance.
- The Committee voted to not recommend due to insufficient information the Article regarding establishment of a Recreation Department Revolving Fund.

**Documents or Exhibits for this Matter:**

- None

**Votes Taken Under this Matter :**

- A motion was made to recommend Article #6 (*Fund Snow & Ice and Health Ins. Deficit*). The motion was seconded. The vote is as follows: Russell Denver-yes, Eric Madison-yes, Jim Walsh-no, Rocco Carabetta-yes, Dawn Starks-yes, Sam Pizzanelli-yes.
- A motion was made to not recommend the Article regarding establishment of a Recreation Department Revolving Fund.

**7:55 PM: Motion to Adjourn**